REMARKS

Status of the claims

Claims 1 and 16, as previously presented, and claims 2-15 and 1-33 as filed are pending in the application.

Applicants acknowledge withdrawal of the previously-asserted grounds of rejection, with thanks.

1. Applicants have amended their specification with regard to priority information.

Applicants have amended the priority information in their specification to correct a typographical error in the patent number of U.S. Patent No. 6,156,504.

2. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer that overcomes the asserted obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

The pending claims stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of co-owned U.S. Patent Nos. 6,521,409; 6,630,301 or 6,156,304. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer that overcomes this ground of rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend that all grounds of rejection have been overcome, and the claims are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at 312-913-0002.

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